

**National Polls since the 1962 Engel v. Vitale U.S. Supreme Court
Decision on Voluntary Prayer in Public Schools**

<u>Poll</u>	<u>Survey Date</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>% Support</u>
Gallup	July 26-31, '62	Approve religious observances in schools	85%
Gallup	Sept. '64	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	77%
Nat'l Opinion Research Center	1974	Disapprove of <i>Engel v. Vitale</i> ruling	66%
Nat'l Opinion Research Center	1975	Disapprove of <i>Engel v. Vitale</i> ruling	62%
Nat'l Opinion Research Center	1977	Disapprove of <i>Engel v. Vitale</i> ruling	64%
Gallup	Mar. 28-31, '80	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	76%
Gallup	Sep. 12-15, '80	Favor requiring prayer in public schools	55%
CBS/NY Times	Apr. 22-26, '81	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	76%
NBC	May 18-19, '81	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	73%
Time	June 1, '81	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	74%
LA Times	Sep. 27, '81	Allowing prayer in schools	78%
Time	Oct 5, '81	Voluntary school prayer	69%
NBC	May 10-11, '82	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	68%
Gallup	June 10, '82	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	79%
Newsweek	June 27, '83	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	71%
Gallup	July 22-25, '83	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	85%
Gallup	Sep. 8, '83	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	81%
CBS/NY Times	Sep. 12-16, '84	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	68%
Harris	Oct. 22, '84	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	81%
Univ. Michigan	Nov 7, '84	Schools allowed to start day with prayer	65%
Media General	Jan. '85	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	61%
LA Times	July 14, '86	Favor prayers in public schools	71%
Media General/AP	Oct. 14, 86	Favor a moment of silence (for prayer)	87%
NY Times/CBS	May 26, '87	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	69%
Time/CNN	Dec '91	Allowing children to say prayers in public schools	78%
NBC/Wall Street Journal	Dec. 6-9, '91	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	61%
Times-Mirror	May 18-24, '93	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	69%
Wirthlin	Apr. 4-6, '94	Reinstating prayer in public schools	78%
LA Times	Jul.23-26, '94	Favor prayer in school	76%
Times/Mirror	Sept, '94	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	74%
Gallup	Nov, '94	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	73%
Wash. Post	Dec. 9-13, '94	Moment for voluntary silent prayer	64%
ABC/Wash. Post	Jan 3-4, '95	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	67%
Gallup	May 25, '95	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	71%
LA Times	Oct. 27-30, '95	Favor of prayer in public schools	75%
Joint Center	Feb, '96	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	64%
CBS/NY Times	Feb, '96	Favor prayer in school	65%
Kaiser-Harvard	Jan, '97	Favor a Constitutional Amendment	69%
CBS/NY Times	Jan, '97	Favor prayers in public schools	67%